List of Classified Structures

Victoria Mine Concrete **Foundations**



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Victoria Mine Concrete Foundations

HS09D Structure Number:

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

No records.

Structure State: Arizona Structure County: Pima

Intermountain Region: Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056734

Historical Significance:

Entered - Documented National Register Status:

09/01/1978 National Register Date:

National Historic Landmark?: No Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: Victoria Mine Concrete Foundations are among the surviving structures of

> the Victoria Mine, Organ Pipe NM, entered on the NR, local level, the oldest known example of mining activity in the monument & one of the oldest in southwestern Arizona. Intermittent period of significance, 1880-present.

Long Significance Description:

The Victoria Mine Concrete Foundation are among of the surviving structures of the Victoria Mine, Organ Pipe NM, which was entered on the NR, at the local level, as the oldest known example of mining in the monument and one of the earliest in the inhospitable Sonoran Desert area adjacent to the US/Mexican border in southwestern Arizona. The period of significance begins with 1880 when Cipriano Ortega acquired the site and called it "La Americana," through Mikul Levy's purchase of it in 1899 and his death in 1941, to the present, as there may still be claims held on the site

Early on in its existence the Victoria Mine produced silver ore in large quantities, but Levy extracted only about \$30,000 and subsequent claimants realized around \$10,000 total, possibly due to the high water table and the technical problems associated with sinking the shaft below it.

The Victoria Mine, with its associated surviving stone building and historic scene, was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on September 21, 1978.

Construction Period:

Construction Period:

Historic

Chronology:

		Begin			
Physical	Begin	Year	End	End Year	Designer
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer Occupation
1. Built	1880	AD	1888	AD	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Industrial/Processing/Extraction

Primary Current Use: Ruin Structure Contains Museum No

Collections?:

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type: Ruin

Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s			
1.	Substructure	Concrete	
2.	Superstructure	Concrete	

Short Physical Description:

3 concrete machinery bases. 1 7'x8' smooth slab, 2'8" thick w/ threaded bolts & 15"x3'3" indentation. 2nd 2'10"x1'10"x7" high w/ 2 depressions & a 2x4 bolted on. 3rd U-shaped conc aggregate w/ bolts along perimeter;

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